

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael Krawcsenek on 3/23/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

A/ In claim 1, line 13: replace "where" with --wherein--;

B/ In claim 9, lines 10 and 12: replace "where" with --wherein--;

C/ In claim 17: replace "A polarized article comprising.....the polarized polyvinyl alcohol film" with --A polarized article comprising a polythiourethane substrate and a naked polarized polyvinyl alcohol film directly adhering to said polythiourethane substrate, wherein said polarized article is obtained by:

positioning a polarized polyvinyl alcohol film in a molding cavity of a two part mold assembly;

pouring in the molding cavity a polymerizable composition comprising:

- (a) at least one poly(iso)thiocyanate monomer and at least one polythiol; or
- (b) a mixture of at least one liquid NCO- or NCS-terminated poly(thio)urethane prepolymer and at least one liquid SH-terminated poly(thio)urethane prepolymer;

curing the polymerizable composition to yield a polythiourethane substrate adhering to the polarized polyvinyl alcohol film, and

wherein the polarized polyvinyl alcohol film has been dried at a temperature ranging from 25°C to 100°C before pouring the polymerizable composition in the molding cavity--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-13, 15, 17-27 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: no prior art has been found to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a polarized article and a process of making the same, comprising a naked polarized polyvinyl alcohol film directly adhering to a polythiourethane substrate, wherein the polarized polyvinyl alcohol film has been dried at a temperature ranging from 25°C to 100°C before pouring the polymerizable composition in the molding cavity; in combination with all of the other limitations in claim 1, 9, or 17. The examiner is relying on Applicants' arguments on page 8, 1st and 6th paragraphs, in the Remarks as the basis for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thao T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-1080. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Callie Shosho can be reached on 571-272-1123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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